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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 11, 2005, please enter the following response. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time.

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 11, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-28 with traverse. Applicants further elect species C, the embodiment of the invention as shown in Figure 6. The claims readable upon species C are: 1-3, 9-16, 22-27, and 29-33. The generic claims are 1, 2, 12, and 13. It is our understanding that if no rejection can be made of the elected species, the generic claims and all claims dependent thereon will be examined.

The Restriction Requirement identifies two groups: Group 1, claims 1-28, drawn to mannequin joints; and Group 2, claims 29-34 drawn to methods of assembly of joints. The Restriction Requirement argues that the method of claim 29 can be used to make a different mannequin joint from that of claim 1 and that the mannequin joint of claim 1 can be made by a process different than that described in claim 29. Applicants respectfully submit that the differences identified are not so large as to impose an undue burden upon the Office.

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It is believed that a fee of \$60 for a one-month extension of time is due with this submission, and a check for this amount is enclosed. If this amount is incorrect, please credit any excess or charge any deficiency to deposit account 07-1969.

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